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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL ON US SCREENING OF IRANIAN
INVESTMENT IN US

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CANDID AND USEFUL MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN
PIERRE DUPONT, SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER MEHRAN OFFERED SOME RATHER
FRANK OBSERVATIONS ON POSSIBLE US SCREENING AND LICENSING OF
IRANIAN INVESTMENT IN THE US. HE CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT THE US HAD A
RIGHT TO APPROVE OR DENY FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE US. HE SAID,
WITH SOME VIGOR, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MUST BE DONE IN A NON-DIS-
CRIMINATORY FASHION. ANY US GOVERNMENT BOARD OR COMMITTEE SET UP
TO REVIEW ONLY OPEC PROPOSED INVESTMENT IN THE US, AND AT THE
SAME TIME ALLOWING, FOR EXAMPLE, CANADIAN INVESTMENT TO ENTER
FREE OF SUCH PRIOR REVIEW, WOULD BE REGARDED BY IRAN AS PATENTLY
DISCRIMINATORY AND UNACCEPTABLE. MEHRAN DID NOT GET FURTHER INTO
THE MATTER OF HOW THE MECHANICS OF US REVIEW OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT
MIGHT WORK, BUT HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE GOI EXPECTS THAT
US REGULATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TREAT OPEC AND NON-OPEC INVESTMENT
IN A LIKE FASHION.

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